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Episode 14

"Thomas and Bertie"

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

1

Thomas was waiting at a junction, when a bus arrived.

"Hullo," said Thomas. "Who are you?"

"I'm Bertie. Who are you?"

"I'm Thomas. I run this branch line."

2

"So you're Thomas. Ah - I remember now you stuck in the snow. I took your passengers and Terence the tractor pull you out. I've come to help you with your passengers today."

"Help me" said Thomas. "I can go faste than you."

"You can't said Bertie."

"I can"huffed Thomas.

"I'll race you" said Bertie.

3

Their drivers agreed to the race going ahead.

The Station Master said "Are you ready?'

- "Go"

4

Thomas never could go fast at first, an Bertie drew in front.

"Why don't you go fast? Why don't you go fast?" called Annie and Clarabel.

"Wait and see, Wait and see," hissed Thomas.

"He's a long way ahead," they wailed.

but Thomas didn't mind.

He'd remembered the level crossing.

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NARRATIVE

5

There was Bertie fuming at the gates while they sailed gaily through.

"Goodbye, Bertie" called Thomas.

6

After that the road left the railway, so they couldn't see Bertie.

7

Then they had to stop at the station to let off passengers.

"Peep, pip, peep! Quickly, please," called Thomas,

and off they went again.

"Come along. Come along," sang Thomas.

"We're coming along. We're coming along sang Annie and Clarabel.

"Hurry, Hurry, Hurry," panted Thomas. Then he looked ahead.

8

There was Bertie tooting triumphantly on his horn.

"Oh,deary me. Oh, deary me." groaned Thomas.

9

"Steady, Thomas," said his driver. "We'll beat Bertie yet."

"We'll beat Bertie yet, we'll beat Bertie yet," echoed Annie and Clarabel.

"We'll do it, we'll do it," panted Thomas. "Oh, bother there's a station."

10

Then he heard Bertie.

"Goodbye, Thomas. You must be tired. Sorry I can't stop, we buses have to work you know. Goodbye."

"Oh, dear," thought Thomas. "We've lost."

But he felt better after a drink.

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NARRATIVE

11

The signal dropped.

"Hurrah, we're off. Hurrah, we're off", puffed Thomas.

12

As they crossed the bridge they heard an impatient "Honk, honk,"

There was Bertie waiting at the traffic lights.

He started with a roar and chased on after Thomas again.

13

Now Thomas reached his full speed.

Bertie tried hard, but Thomas was too fast.

Whistling triumphantly he plunged into the tunnel. leaving Bertie toiling far behind.

14

"I've done it. I've done," panted Thomas.

"We've done it, hooray. We've done it hooray!" chanted Annie and Clarabel as they wooshed into the last station.

15

Everyone was there to celebrate Thomas's victory.

But they gave Bertie a big welcome too.

"Well done, Thomas," said Bertie. "That was fun., but to beat you over that hill I should have to grow wings and be an aeroplane."

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NARRATIVE

16

They now keep each other very busy.

They often talk about their race. But Bertie's passengers don't like being bounced like peas in a frying-pan.

And the Fat Controller has warned Thomas not to race at dangerous speeds.

So although (between you and me) they would like to have another race, I don't think they ever will. Do you?

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"Tenders and Turntables"

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NARRATIVE

1

Henry and Gordon were lonely when Thomas left the yard to run his branch line. They missed him very much.

They had more work to do and had to fetch their own coaches. They didn't like that.

2

James grumbled too.

"We get no rest, we get no rest," they all complained.

but the coaches only laughed.

"You're lazy and slack, you're lazy and slack," they answered.

3

Altogether the engines were causing the Fat Controller a great deal of trouble.

4

The big stations at both ends of the line each have a turntable.

The Fat Controller had made them so that the tender engines can be turned round because it is dangerous for them to go fast backwards.

5

Tank Engines like Thomas don't need turntables. They can go just as well backwards as forwards.

But to hear Gordon talk you would have thought that the Fat Controller had given him a tender just to show how important he was.

6

"You don't understand, little Thomas. We tender engines have a position to keep up. It doesn't matter where you go, but we are important, and for the Fat Controller to make us shunt trucks, fetch coaches, and go on some of those dirty sidings it's - it's - well it's not the proper thing.

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NARRATIVE

7 Thomas chuckled and went off with Annie and Clarabel.

8 "Disgraceful!" Gordon hissed as he ran backwards to the turntable.

The turntable was in a windy place clos to the sea and if he was not on it just right, he put it out of balance, and made it difficult to turn.

9 Today, Gordon was in a bad temper, and the wind was blowing fiercely.

His driver tried to make him stop in th right place, but Gordon wasn't trying.

The fireman tried to turn the handle, but Gordon's weight and the strong wind prevented him.

10 "It's no good, " they said at last, "your tender upsets the balance. If you were a nice Tank engine you'd be alright. Now you'll have to pull the next train backwards."

11 "Look,"called some boys. "There's a new Tank engine. Oh, it's only Gordon back to front."

12 "Hullo," called Thomas. "Playing Tank Engines? Sensible engine. Take my advice, scrap your tender and have a nice bunker."

Gordon said nothing.

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NARRATIVE

13

Even James laughed when he saw him.

"Take care," hissed Gordon. "You might stick too."

"No fear," chuckled James. "I'm not so fat as you."

14

"I mustn't stick," thought James.

He stopped on just the right place to balance the table. It could now swing easily.

James's fireman turned the handle.

15

Gordon arrived in time to see everything.

16

James turned-much too easily. The wind puffed him round like a top. He couldn't stop.

17

"Well, well!" said Gordon. "Are you playing roundabouts?"

Poor James, feeling quite giddy rolled off to the shed without a word.

18

That night the three engines had an 'indignation meeting'.

"It's shameful to treat Tender Engines like this. Gordon has to go backwards and people think he's a Tank Engine. James spins round like a top and everyone laughs at us. And to add to that, the Fat Controller makes us all shunt in dirty sidings. Ugh ---"

19

"Listen," said Gordon.....
He whispered something to the others.
"We'll do it tomorrow. The Fat Controller will look silly."

The engines had decided to go on strike.

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"Trouble in the Shed"

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NARRATIVE

1

The Fat Controller sat in his office listening to the noise outside.

The passengers were angry.

2

The Station Master came in.

"There's trouble in the shed, sir. Henry is sulking. There's no train and the passengers are saying this is a bad railway."

"Indeed" said the Fat Controller. "We cannot allow that."

3

He found Gordon, James and Henry looking very cross.

"Come along, Henry. It's time your train was ready."

"Henry's not going," said Gordon. "We wont shunt like common Tank Engines. That was Thomas's job. We are importan tender engines. You fetch our coaches and we will pull them. Tender engines don't shunt."

4

"Oh, indeed," said the Fat Controller. "We'll see about that. Engines on my railway do as they are told."

And he hurried away to find Edward.

5

"The yard has never been the same since Thomas left, to run hsi branch line," he thought sadly.

6

Edward was shunting.

"Leave those trucks, please, Edward," said the Fat Controller. "I want you to push coaches for me in the yard."

"Thank you, sir, that will be a nice change."

"That's a good engine, off you go then."

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NARRATIVE

7

So Edward found coaches for the three engines, and that day the trains ran as usual.

8

But next morning, Edward looked unhappy.

Gordon came clanking past, hissing rudely.

"Bless me," said the Fat Controller. "What a noise."

9

"They all hiss me, sir," answered Edward. "They say tender engines don't shunt and last night they said I have black wheels. I haven't, have I, sir?"

"No, Edward, you have nice blue ones and I'm proud of you. Tender engines do shunt, but all the same we need another tank engine here."

10

He went to a workshop and they showed him all sorts of engines.

At last he saw a smart little green engine with four wheels.

"That's the one," he thought.

"If I choose you, will you work hard?"

"Oh sir. Yes, sir."

"That's a good engine. I'll call you Percy."

"Yes sir. Thank you sir." said Percy
And the Fat Controller brought him back to the yard.

11

"Edward," he called, "here's Percy. Will you show him everything."

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NARRATIVE

12 Percy soon learned what he had to do, and they had a happy afternoon.

13 Then Henry came by hissing as usual.

"Shsssssssssh" went Percy.

Henry jumped and ran back to the shed.

"How beautifuly you wheeshed him," laughed Edward. "I can't wheesh like that."

"Oh," said Percy. "That's nothing. You should hear them in the workshop. You have to wheesh loudly to make yourself heard."

14 Next morning Thomas arrived.

"The Fat Controller sent for me. I expect he wants help," he said to Edward

"Sh. Sh. here he comes," replied Edward.

15 "Well done,Thomas. You've been quick. Listen, Henry, Gordon and James are sulking. They say they wont shunt like Common Tank Engines. So I have shut them up and I want you both to run the line for a while."

"Common tank engines indeed," snorted Thomas. "We'll show them."

16 "And Percy will help too."

"Oh sir. Yes sir. Please sir," answered Percy.

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NARRATIVE

17

Edward and Thomas worked the main line, greeting each other as they passed by.

Percy puffed along the branch line.

Thomas was anxious about Annie and Clarabel, but both driver and guard promised to take care of them.

18

There were fewer trains, but the passengers didn't mind. They knew the three other engines were having a lesson.

19

Gordon, James and Henry were cold, lonely and miserable.

They wished now they hadn't been so silly.

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"Percy runs away"

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NARRATIVE

1

Henry, James and Gordon were miserable.

They had been shut up up for several days for being naughty, and longed to be let out again..

2

At last the Fat Controller arrived.

"I hope you are sorry," he said "and understand you are not so important after all.

"We have a new Tank Engine called Percy who helps pull coaches and Thomas and Edward have worked the main line nicely.

"But I will let you out now if you promise to be good."

"Yes, Sir" said the three engines. "We will."

"That's right. But please remember that this no shunting nonsense must stop."

3

He then told Percy, Edward and Thomas that they could go and play on the Branch Line for a few days.

And they ran off happily to find Annie and Clarabel at the junction.

4

The two coaches were so pleased to see Thomas again.

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NARRATIVE

5

Edward and Percy played with trucks.

"Stop, stop, stop," screamed the trucks as they were pushed into their proper sidings.

but the two engines laughed and went on shunting till the trucks were tidily arranged.

6

Next, Edward took some empty trucks to the Quarry.

Percy was left alone.

He didn't mind that a bit. He liked watching trains and being cheeky to the other engines.

"Hurry, hurry, hurry" he would call and they got very cross.

7

After a great deal of shunting

Percy was waiting for the signalman to set the points so that he could get back to the yard.

He was eager to work, but was being rather careless and not paying attention.

8

Edward had warned Percy, "Be careful on the main line; whistle to the signalman you are there."

But Percy didn't remember to whistle.

So the busy signalman forgot him.

9

Percy waited and waited.

The points were still against him so he couldn't move. Then he looked along the main line.

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"Peep. Peep" he whistled in horror, for rushing straight towards him

was Gordon with the express.

Percy's driver turned on full steam.

"Back Percy. Back."

10 but Percy's wheels wouldn't turn quickly

and Gordon couldn't stop.

Percy waited for the crash

while his driver and fireman had jumped out.

"Oo----ooh" groaned Gordon. "Get out of my way."

Percy opened his eyes

Gordon had stopped with Percy's buffers a few inches from his own

11

But Percy had begun to move.

"I won't stay here. I'll run away" he puffed.

He went straight through Edward's static

12 and was so frightened that he ran right up Gordon's hill without stopping.

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NARRATIVE

13

After that he was tired, but he couldn't stop.

He had no driver to shut off steam and apply the brakes.

14

"I shall have to run till my wheels wear out. Oh dear, oh dear."

"I want to stop, I want to stop" he puffed.

15

The man in the Signal Box saw Percy was in trouble, so kindly set the points.

16

Percy puffed wearily onto a nice empty siding ending in a big bank of earth.

"Sssh"

He was too tired now to care where he went.

"I want to stop. I want to stop

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"I have stopped" he puffed thankfully.

17

"Never mind, Percy" said the workmen as they dug him out. "You shall have a drink and some coal and then you'll feel better."

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NARRATIVE

18

Presently Gordon arrived.

"Well done, Percy, you started so quickly that you stopped a nasty accident."

"I'm sorry I was cheeky," said Percy,

"You were clever to stop."

Then Gordon helped pull Percy out from the bank.

19

Percy is still cheeky because he is that sort of engine,

but he is always most careful when he goes on the main line.

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"Coal"

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

1

One morning Henry was feeling very sorr
for himself. Sometimes he could pull
trains, but sometimes he felt he had nc
strength at all.

"I suffer dreadfully, and no one cares.

"Rubbish, Henry," snorted James. "You
don't work hard enough."

2

The Fat Controller spoke to him too.

"You're too expensive, Henry. You have
had lots of new parts and new paint toc
but they've done you no good.

If we can't make you better, we must ge
another engine instead of you."

This made Henry, his driver and his
fireman very sad.

3

The Fat Controller was waiting when Hen
came to the platform. He had taken off
his hat and coat, and put on overalls.

4

Henry managed to start but his fireman
was not satisfied.

"Henry is a bad steamer," he said to
the Fat Controller.

"I build up his fire, but it doesn't
give enough heat.

5

Henry tried very hard, but it was no
good.

He didn't have enough steam, and came
to a stop outside Edward's station.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

6

"Oh, dear," thought Henry. "I shall have to go away. Oh dear. Oh dear."

All he could do was to go slowly onto a siding,

and Edward took charge of the train.

7

The Fat Controller and fireman went on discussing Henry's troubles.

"What do you think is wrong, fireman?" asked the Fat Controller.

8

"Excuse me, sir," he answered, "but the fact is the coal is wrong.

We've had a poor lot lately, and today it's worse.

The other engines can manage; they have big fireboxes. Henry's is small and can't make the heat. With Welsh coal he'd be a different engine."

9

"It's expensive," said the Fat Controll "but Henry must have a fair chance.

James shall go and fetch some."

10

When the Welsh coat came, Henry's drive and fireman were excited.

"Now we'll show them, Henry old fellow.

11

They carefully made his fire putting large lumps of coal like a wall round the outside. Then the glowing middle part was covered with smaller lumps.

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NARRATIVE

12

"You're spoiling my fire," complained Henry.

"Wait and see," said the fireman. "We'll have a roaring fire just when we want it."

13

The fireman was right. When Henry reached the platform, the water was boiling nicely, and he had to let off steam.

14

"How are you Henry?"

"Pip peep peep!" whistled Henry. "I feel fine!"

"Have you a good fire, driver?"

"Never better, sir, and plenty of steam

"No record breaking," warned the Fat Controller. "Don't push him too hard."

"Henry wont need pushing, sir; I'll hav to hold him back."

15

Henry had a lovely day. He had never felt so well in his life. He wanted to go fast, but his driver wouldn't let hi

"Steady old fellow," he would say, "there's plenty of time."

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NARRATIVE

16

They arrived early at the station.

Thomas puffed in.

"Where have you been, lazy bones?" asked Henry.

"I can't wait for dawdling Tank Engines like you. Goodbye."

17

"Whooosh," said Thomas to Annie and Clarabel. "Have you ever seen anything like it?"

Both Annie and Clarabel agreed that they never had.

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The Flying Kipper"

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NARRATIVE

1

One winter evening Henry's driver said "We'll be out early tomorrow. We've got to take 'The Flying Kipper'".

"Don't tell Gordon, but I think if we pull the 'Kipper' nicely, the Fat Controller will let us pull the express. The special coal they gave you is workir well."

"Hurrah!" cried Henry. "That will be lovely."

2

All kinds of ships use the harbour at the big station by the sea. There are passenger ships, cargo ships and fishing boats also come here.

They unload their fish on the quay. Son of it goes to shops in the town and the rest in a special train to other places far away.

This is the train the railwaymen call 'The Flying Kipper'.

3

Henry was ready at 5 o'clock. There was snow and frost.

Men hustled and shouted, loading the vans with crates of fish.

The last door banged,

the guard showed his green lamp

the 'Flying Kipper' was ready to go.

4

"Come on! Come on! Don't be silly - don't be silly" puffed Henry to the vans

The vans shuddered and groaned. Trock, trick, trock, trick; alright, alright."

"That is better, that is better," puffed Henry.

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NARRATIVE

5

Clouds of smoke and steam poured from his funnel into the cold air

and the fire's light shone brightly.

"Hurry, hurry, hurry," panted Henry.

6

They were going well,

the light grew better.

Signal lights shone green as they passed

7

Then a yellow signal appeared ahead.

His driver prepared to stop,

but the home signal was down.

"All clear, Henry; away we go."

8

They couldn't know the points from the mainline to a siding were frozen and the home signal should have been set at"DANGER" but snow had forced it down.

9

A goods train was waiting in the siding to let the 'Flying Kipper' pass, and the driver and fireman were drinking cocoa in the brake-van.

"The 'Kipper' is due," said the guard.

"Who cares?" said the fireman. "This is good cocoa."

The driver got up, "Come on fireman, back to our engine."

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NARRATIVE

10 They got out just in time.

11 Henry's driver and fireman had jumped clear before the crash but Henry lay dazed and surprised.

12 The Fat Controller came to see him.

"The signal was down, sir", said Henry.

"Cheer up, Henry. It wasn't your fault. Ice and snow caused the accident. I'm sending you to Crewe, a fine place for sick engines.

They'll give you a new shape and a larger firebox. You'll feel a different engine and wont need special coal anymore. Wont that be nice?"

"Yes, sir," said Henry doubtfully.

13 Henry liked being at Crewe, but was glad to come home.

A crowd of peole waited to see him arrive in his new shape. He looked so splendid and strong that they gave him three cheers.

"Peep, peep, pip, pip, peep!" he whistled. "Thank you very much".

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

I am sorry to say that a lot of little children are often late for school because they wait to see Henry go by.

14 They often see him pulling the express.

He does it so well that Gordon is jealous.

But that is another story.

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"Whistles and Sneezes"

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

1

Gordon was cross.

"Why should Henry have a new shape?" he grumbled. "A shape good enough for me is good enough for him.

"He goes gallivanting off to Crewe, leaving us to do his work and comes bac saying how happy he feels. It's disgraceful!

"And there's another thing. Henry whistles too much. No respectable engine ever whistles loudly at stations

"It isn't wrong, but we just don't do i

2

Poor Henry didn't feel happy any more.

"Never mind," whispered Percy, "I'm gla you're home again. I like your whistling."

3

"Goodbye, Henry," called Gordon. "We are glad to have you with us again, but remember what I said."

4

Later Henry stopped at Edward's station

"Hullo, Henry," said Edward. "You look splendid. I was pleased to hear your happy whistle yesterday."

"Thank you, Edward," smiled Henry..... "sh, Sh. Can you hear something?"

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

5 "It sounds like Gordon," said Edward, "and it ought to be Gordon, but Gordon never whistled like that."

6 It was Gordon.

He came rushing down the hill at a tremendous rate.

He didn't look at Henry, and he didn't look at Edward.

He screamed straight through the station and disappeared.

7 "Well." said Edward.

"It isn't wrong," chuckled Henry, "but we just don't do it," and he told Edward what Gordon had said.

8 Meanwhile, Gordon screeched along the line. The noise was awful.

9 At the station everyone held their ears. The Fat Controller held his ears too.

"Take him away," he bellowed," and stop that noise."

10 Gordon puffed sadly away.

but he wouldn't stop whistling until two fitters climbd up and knocked his whistle valve in place.

11 That night Gordon slunk into the shed. He was glad it was empty.

12 "It isn't wrong," murmured Henry to no one in particular, but we just don't do it."

No one mentioned whistles.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

Next morning, Henry was enjoying himself enormously.

13 "I feel so well. I feel so well," he sang.

"Trickety trock, trickety trock," hummed his coaches.

14 Then he saw some boys on a bridge.

"Peep. Peep. Hullo." he whistled.

"Oh. Oh. Ooooh." he called.

15 The boys didn't wave and take his number, they thought it fun to drop stones on him instead.

"They've broken our glass, they've broken our glass," sobbed the coaches.

The passengers weren't hurt, but they were cross.

"Call the police."

"No," said the driver, "leave it to Henry and me."

16 "What will you do?" they asked.

"Can you keep a secret."

"Yes, yes."

"Well, then," said the driver. "Henry is going to sneeze at those boys.

17 Lots of people were waiting at the station just before the bridge. They wanted to see what would happen.

"Henry has plenty of ashes," said the driver. "Please keep all windows shut till we have passed the bridge. Henry is as excited as we are, aren't you old fellow?"

18 Henry was feeling 'stuffed up'.

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NARRATIVE

19 Soon they could see the boys, and they all had stones.

"Are you ready, Henry?" said his driver. "Sneeze hard, when I tell you."

20 "Now," he said.

"Atishu, Atishu. Atishooooooooooh."

21 "Well done, Henry," laughed his driver.

22 Henry went home very pleased with himself. He had taught Gordon and silly boys a lesson with a whistle and a sneeze.

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"Toby and the Stout Gentleman"

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

1

Toby is a tram Engine. He has cow catchers and side plates and doesn't look like a steam engine at all.

2

He takes trucks from farms and villages to the main line and is cheerful to everyone he meets.

He has a coach called Henrietta who has seen better days.

"It's not fair at all," she grumbles, remembering that she used to be full, and nine trucks would rattle behind her.

3

Now there are only three or four for the farms and factories send their goods mostly by lorry.

Toby is always careful.

The cars, buses and lorries often have accidents.

Toby hasn't had an accident for years,

but the buses are crowded and Henrietta is empty.

4

A lady and a Stout Gentleman stood on Toby's platform.

He was, of course, the Fat Controller but Toby didn't know this yet.

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NARRATIVE

"Come on, grandfather," cried the children, "do look at this engine."

"That's a tram engine, Stephen," said the Fat Controller.

"Is it electric?" asked Bridget.

5 "Whoosh!" hissed Toby.

"Sh, Sh!" said her brother, "You've offended him."

"But trams <u>are</u> electric, aren't they?"

"They are mostly, but this is a steam tram."

"May we go in it, grandfather? Please."

6 "Stop!" said the Fat Controller to the guard.

They all scrambled into Henrietta.

7 "Hip Hip Hurray!" chanted Henrietta,

but Toby did not sing. "Electric indeed. Electric indeed," he snorted. He was very hurt.

8 "What is your name?" asked the Fat Controller.

"Toby, Sir."

"Thank you, Toby, for a very nice ride."

"Thank <u>you</u>, Sir" said Toby.

He felt better now.

9 "This gentleman," he thought, "is a gentleman who knows how to speak to engines."

NOTES

NARRATIVE

10 The children came everyday for a fortnight.

Sometimes they rode with the guard.

Sometimes in empty trucks.

11 On the last day of all the driver invited them into his cab.

12 All were sorry when they had to go away,

and the Fat Controller and his family thanked everyone.

"Ding, ding" (SFX)

"Come again soon." replied Toby.

"We will, we will," called the childen,

and they waved till Toby, was out of sight.

13 The months passed. Toby had few trucks, and fewer passengers.

14 "Our last day, Toby," said his driver one morning. "The Manager says we must close tomorrow.

15 That day everyone wanted the chance of a last ride.

16 The passengers joked and sang

but Toby and his driver wished they wouldn't.

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NARRATIVE

17

"Goodbye, Toby," said the passengers afterwards. "We are sorry your line is closing down."

"So am I," said Toby.

18

"Nobody wants me," Toby thought,

and went unhappily to sleep.

19

Next morning the shed was flung open

and he woke with a start to see his driver waving a piece of paper.

"Wake up, Toby," they shouted, "and listen to this. It's a letter from the Stout Gentleman."

Toby listened and .....

But I mustn't tell you any more or I shall spoil the next story.

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Based on The Railway Stories

by

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Episode 22

"Thomas in Trouble"

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NARRATIVE

1

There is a line to a quarry at the end of Thomas's branch; it goes for some distance along the road.

Thomas was always very careful to whistle here in case anyone was coming.

2

Early one morning a large policeman was sitting close to the line.

Thomas liked policemen. He had been a great friend of the Constable who had just retired.

"Peep, peep," he whistled, "good morning.

Thomas expected that the new Constable would be friendly too,

but was sorry to see that he didn't look friendly at all.

He was red in the face and very cross.

3

"Disgraceful!" he spluttered. "I didn't sleep a wink last night, it was so quiet and now engines come whistling suddenly behind me!"

"I'm sorry, sir," said Thomas, "I only said 'good morning'."

4

The Policeman pointed to Thomas.

"Where's your cowcatcher?" he asked.

"But I don't catch cows, sir!"

"Don't be funny!" snapped the policeman.

He looked at Thomas's wheels. "No side plates either,"

and he wrote in his notebook.

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5

"Engines going on Public Roads must have their wheels covered, and

a cowcatcher in front, to protect people and animals from bring dragged under the wheels if they stray onto the line,

you haven't, so you are dangerous."

6

"Rubbish!" said Thomas's driver, "we've been along here hundreds of time and never had an accident."

"That makes it worse," the policeman answered.

He wrote "regular law breaker" in his book.

7

Thomas puffed sadly away.

8

The Fat Controller was having breakfast. He was eating toast and marmalade.

The butler came in.

"Excuse me, sir, you are wanted on the telephone."

"Bother that telephone!" said the Fat Controller.

9

"I'm sorry, my dear," he said to his wife. "Thomas is in trouble with the police, and I must go at once."

10

At the station Thomas's driver told the Fat Controller what had happened.

"Dangerous to the Public indeed; we'll see about that!"

The Fat Controller spoke to the policeman.

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11

But however much he argued with him it was no good.

"The Law is the Law," he said, "and we can't change it."

The Fat Controller felt exhausted.

12

"I'm sorry driver," he said, "it's no use arguing with policemen. We will have to make those cowcatcher things for Thomas, I suppose."

13

"Everyone will laugh, sir," said Thomas. "They say I look like a Tram."

14

The Fat Controller stared, then he laughed.

"Well done, Thomas! Why didn't I think of it before?

We want a Tram Engine!

When I was on my holiday, I met a nice little engine called Toby. He takes trucks from the farms, but the lorries are taking over most of his work and he needs a change. He has cow catchers and side plates. I'll write to his Controller at once."

15

A few days later Toby arrived.

16

"That's a good engine," said the Fat Controller, "I see you've brought your coach Henrietta."

"You don't mind, do you sir?" asked Toby. "The Station Mater wanted to use her as a hen house, and that would never do."

"No indeed," said the Fat Controller, "we couldn't allow that."

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17 Toby made the silly trucks behave even better than Thomas did.

18 At first Thomas was jealous, but he was so pleased when Toby rang his bell and frightened the policeman, they've been firm friends ever since.

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"Dirty Objects"

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NARRATIVE

1

Toby and Henrietta are enjoying their new job on the Island of Sodor,

but they do look old-fashioned and need new paint.

2

James was very rude whenever he saw them. "Ugh! What dirty objects!" he would say.

3

At last Toby lost patience. "James," he asked, "why are you red?"

"I am a splendid engine," answered James, "ready for anything. You never see my paint dirty."

"Oh!" said Toby innocently, "that's why you once needed bootlaces;

to be ready, I suppose."

4

James went redder than ever, and snorted off.

It was such an insult to be reminded of the time a bootlace had been used to mend a hole in his coaches.

5

At the end of the line James left his coaches and got ready for his next train.

It was a "slow goods", stopping at every station to pick up and set down trucks.

James hated slow goods trains.

6

"Dirty trucks from dirty sidings! Ugh!"

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7 Starting with only a few, he picked up more and more trucks at each station

till he had a long train.

8 At first the trucks behaved well, but James bumped them so crossly that

they were determined to pay him back.

9 Presently, they approached the top of Gordon's hill.

Heavy goods trains halt here to pin down their brakes.

James had had an accident with trucks before, and should have remembered this.

"Wait, James, wait," said the driver, but

James wouldn't wait.

He was too busy thinking what he would say to Toby when they next met.

10 The trucks' chance had come

"Hurrah! Hurrah!" they laughed, and banging their buffers they pushed him down the hill.

11 "On! On! on!" yelled the trucks.

"I've got to stop, I've got to stop," groaned James.

12 Through the station they thundered →

disaster lay ahead.

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13 something sticky splashed all over James.

14 He had run into two tar wagons, and was black from smoke box to cab.

He was more dirty than hurt,

but the tar wagons and some trucks were all to pieces.

15 Toby and Percy were sent to help and came as quickly as they could.

16 "Look here, Percy!" explained Toby, "whatever is that dirty object?"

"That's James; didn't you know?"

"It's James's shape," said Toby

"but James is a splendid red engine and you never see his paint dirty."

James pretended he hadn't heard.

17 Toby and Percy cleared away the unhurt trucks,

and helped James home.

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18

The Fat Controller met them.

"Well done, Percy and Toby."

He turned to James. "Fancy letting your trucks run away.

I am surprised.

You're not fit to be seen; you must be cleaned at once.

Toby shall have a new coat of paint.

"Please, sir, can Henrietta have one too?" said Toby.

"Certainly Toby."

"Oh, thank you, sir! She will be pleased."

All James could do was watch Toby as he ran off happily with the news.

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"Off the Rails"

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NARRATIVE

1 Gordon was resting in a siding. Sometimes he thought, "It's really tiring to be such a large and splendid engine. One does have to keep up appearances so."

2 "Peep, peep! Peep, peep" (SFX)
"Hullo, Fatface!" whistled Henry.

"What cheek!" spluttered Gordon, "That Henry is too big for his wheels: fancy speaking to me like that!

Meeeee!. Meee who has never had an accident!"

3 "Aren't jammed whistles and burst safety valves accidents?" asked Percy innocently.

"No indeed! High spirits - might happen to any engine;

but to come off the rails like Henry did, well I ask you! Is it right? Is it decent?"

4 Then it was Henry's turn to take the express. Gordon watched him getting ready.

"Be careful, Henry, you're not pulling the 'Flying Kipper' now; mind you keep on the rails today."

5 Henry went off in a huff and

Gordon yawned and went to sleep.

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6

But not for long

"Wake up, Gordon," said his driver, "a special train's coming and we're to pull it."

"Is it coaches or trucks?"

"Trucks," said his driver.

"Trucks!" said Gordon. "Pah!"

7

Gordon's fire was slow to start,

so Edward had to push Gordon to the turntable to get him facing the right way.

"I won't go. I won't go," grumbled Gordon.

"Don't be silly, don't be silly," puffed Edward.

8

At last Gordon was on the turntable.

The movement had shaken his fire;

it was now burning nicely,

and making steam.

9

Gordon was cross and didn't care what he did.

He waited till the table was half-way round,

"I'll show them! I'll show them!" he hissed.

He moved slowly forward to "jam" the table,

but he couldn't stop himself,

and slithered into a ditch.

"OOOOOsh!" he hissed

"Get me out! Get me out!"

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10

"Not a hope," said his driver and fireman, "you're stuck, you silly great engine,

don't you understand that?"

11

They telephoned the Fat Controller.

"So Gordon didn't want to take the Special Train and ran into a ditch,"

"What's that you say? The Special's waiting - tell Edward to take it please - and Gordon? Oh, leave him where he is; we haven't time to bother with him now."

12

On the other side of the ditch some little boys were chattering.

"Coo! Doesn't he look silly!"

"They'll never get him out."

13

They began to sing:

"Silly old Gordon fell in a ditch,
Fell in a ditch,
Fell in a ditch,
Silly old Gordon fell in a ditch,
All on a Monday morning."

14

Gordon lay in the ditch all day.

"Oh dear!" he thought. "I shall never get out."

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But that evening they lifted Gordon and made a road of sleepers under his wheels to keep him from the mud.

14 Strong ropes were fastened to his back end, and

James and Henry, pulling hard,

managed to bring him to safety.

15 Late that night Gordon crawled home a sadder and wiser engine!

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"Down the Mine"

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NARRATIVE

1 One day Thomas was at the junction when Gordon shuffled in with some trucks."

2 "Poof" remarked Thomas, "What a funny smell. Can you smell a smell?"

"I can't smell a smell!" said Annie.

"A funny musty sort of smell" said Thomas.

"No one noticed it till you did...." grunted Gordon. "It must be yours."

3 Not long ago he had fallen into a dirty ditch. Thomas enjoyed teasing him about it.

4 "Annie, Clarabel, do you know what I think it is?"

"It's ditchwater!"

5 Before Gordon could answer, Thomas puffed away.

6 Annie and Clarabel could hardly believe their ears.

"He's dreadfully rude. I feel quite ashamed. I feel quite ashamed, he's dreadfully rude."

and to Thomas they said, "You mustn't be rude, you make us ashamed." But Thomas didn't care a bit.

7 "That was funny, that was funny", he chuckled. He felt very pleasd with himself.

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8 Annie and Clarabel were deeply shocked. They had great respect for Gordon, the Big Engine.

9 Thomas left the coaches at the station and went off to a mine for some trucks.

10 Long ago miners digging for lead had made tunnels under the ground. Their roofs are strong enough to hold up trucks, but not the weight of engines. A large notice warns them not to enter the area. 'DANGER ENGINES MUST NOT PASS THIS POINT'.

11 "Silly old board" thought Thomas. He had often tried to pass it but had never succeeded.

But this morning he had made a plan.

12 The fireman went to turn the points.

"Now for my plan," thought Thomas.

Bumping the trucks fiercely, he jerked his driver off the footplate.

and followed them into the siding.

"Come back," yelled his driver.

13 "Fire and smoke," said Thomas. "I'm sunk!".....and he was.

"Oh! dear" he said. "I am a silly engine

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14

"And a very naughty one too. I saw you." said the Fat Controller.

"Please get me out. I won't be naughty again."

15

"I'm not sure. We can't lift you out with a crane, the ground's not firm enough.

"Humm. Let me see..... I wonder if Gordon could pull you out."

"Yes, sir," said Thomas.

But he didn't want to meet Gordon just yet.

16

"Down a mine is he? Ha ha ha" laughed Gordon.

17

"Poop Poop, little Thomas.....We'll have you out in a couple of puffs."

18

Strong cables were fastened between the two engines.

"Are you ready - Heave."

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NARRATIVE

19

It was a lot harder than they all thought. At last Thomas was free.

"I'm sorry I was cheeky," said Thomas.

"That's alright, Thomas, you made me laugh," replied Gordon.

"I'm in disgrace."

"So am I"said Thomas.

"Why! so you are Thomas. Shall we form an alliance? You help me and I'll help you."

"Right you are," agreed Thomas.

"Good, that's settled," rumbled Gordon.

And buffer to buffer the allies puffed home.

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"Thomas's Christmas Party"

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NARRATIVE

1

It was Christmas on the Island of Sodor.

All the engines were working hard.

Thomas, and Toby were busy carrying people and parcels up and down the branch line.

Everyone was happy.

2

Only the coaches, Annie and Clarabel, were complaining.

"It's always the same before Christmas," they groaned.

"We feel so full, we feel so full."

"Oh, come on" said Thomas.

"Where's your festive spirit? Christmas day is almost here."

3

By the side of the track was a lonely little cottage with a familiar figure waving to them.

"It's Mrs. Kyndley," whistled Thomas. "Peep, peep. Happy Christmas."

Thomas always felt better for seeing her.

"Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without Mrs Kyndley," he said and puffed thoughtfully on.

4

When work was over Thomas went to see the other engines. All their coats had been polished

"Huh," said Gordon. "Just look at us - your driver will have to work fast to get you as smart as us."

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5 "Never mind that," replied Thomas. "I've something important to say. Do you realise it's a whole year since Mrs Kyndle saved us from a nasty accident? You remember when she was ill in bed and...."

6 "Yes, of course," interrupted Edward. "You told us how she waved her red dressing gown out of her window to warn you about a landslide ahead."

"And you and Toby gave her presents," Percy joined in "and the Fat Controller sent her to Bournemouth to get better."

"But," said James and Henry together, "The rest of us never thanked her properly

7 "Exactly," said Thomas "So now I think we should all give her a special Christmas party."

8 Everyone was getting very excited. And the drivers felt sure that the Fat Controller would agree - as indeed he did.

The engines were all busy making plans when silence fell.

The Fat Controller had bad news.

9 "The weather's changed badly. Mrs Kyndley is snowed up - Toby says he'll help to rescue her. You must help too, Thomas - there's no party unless you do!"

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NARRATIVE

10

Thomas hated snow but he said bravely "I'll try sir. We must rescue her. We must."

"There's a good engine. You and Toby will manage splendidly."

11

Thomas charged the snow drifts fiercely. Sometimes he swept them aside, sometimes they stuck fast, and the men had to loosen them.

12

But at the cutting near the cottage they could go no further.

"Look at that!" exclaimed Thomas's fireman.

"Peep, peep, peep! Here we are!" whistled Thomas.

An answering wave came from an upstairs window.

13

Then they heard a familiar sound.

"That's Terence!" said Thomas. "He's come to help too."

Sure enough Terence had a snow plough and was working hard to clear a patch to the railway line and safety.

14

At long last the rescue was complete. Percy took the tired workmen home.

Terence said goodbye to Mrs Kyndley, and promised to take care of her cottage as he watched them all set off.

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15

The engines made good time. No more snow had fallen but the yard was dark.

There was no one to be seen. Thomas's heart sank.

16

Suddenly all the lights went on. What a marvellous sight awaited Mrs Kyndley.

17

"Well done," said the Fat Controller. "I'm really proud of you all."

Mrs Kyndley especially thanked the smaller engines. "Thomas and Toby are old friends," she said "and now Percy you are my friend too."

Percy was very pleased.
"Three cheers for Mrs Kyndley," he called.

"Peep, peep, peep!" they all whistled.

18

"We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year."

19

Thomas the Tank Engine and his Friends thought it was the best Christmas ever and Mrs Kyndley could think of nowhere she would rather live than here with them on the Island of Sodor.

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